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LETTER DATED 23 JULY 1998 FROM THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF
THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 9 (b) (i) OF SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 687 (1991) ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 15 April 1998 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/326). Appendix III to that letter contains the summary report of the Deputy Executive Chairman of the Special Commission who was Head of the Team which conducted the initial entry to the presidential sites in Iraq.

During the initial entry, it was established that certain inaccuracies existed in the maps of four of the presidential sites which had been prepared by the United Nations Technical Mission in February 1998 (S/1998/166/Add.1). As recorded in paragraph 12 of the Deputy Executive Chairman's summary report, the entry team was able to plot more precisely the boundaries of those sites and to reach agreement with Iraq on the revised perimeters.

Adjustments were made and agreed to in respect of the sites at Tikrit, Tharthar, Radwaniyah Presidential site North and South and the Republican Palace in Baghdad. New maps have now been prepared in the light of those adjustments. Together with the original materials, the new maps are available for consultation in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, in the Map Room on the 38th floor between 2 and 5.30 p.m. from Monday to Friday. (Any enquiries in this regard may be addressed to Mr. Vladimir Grachev, ext. 3-3793).

I would be grateful if you could circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council so that the members of the Council will be fully informed regarding the current status of the maps of the presidential sites in Iraq.

(Signed) Richard BUTLER